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From: Greg Starkey x3-2863 <starkeyg@iscmed.med.ge.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/15/96 6:39pm
Subject: Billing by the minute for INET access

Federal Office of Management and Organization
Regulation (FOMR)

Hi,

Would like to strongly disagree with letting the phone companies charge for LOCAL access to the internet by the minute. We are paying for local access already under existing agreements. Don't let them gouge!

Greg Starkey
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Waukesha WI 53186

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From: Pjrace <pjrace@telis.org>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/16/96 3:48pm
Subject: Vote against this.

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International
>Interexchange Telecommunications VIA the "Internet")

Federal Communications Commission
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Please do not allow the phone companies to impose an additional charge to my service.

Peter Johnson

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From: KATHY SHIREY <BFMH62A@prodigy.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/16/96 9:39pm
Subject: Re: no fee!

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of Public Affairs

Please add my name: Kathryn Shirey of San Jose, California as a concerned voter AGAINST any user/telephone fee on access to the internet.

Sincerely,
Kathy Shirey

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From: Barbara Staples <merlin1@capecod.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/16/96 8:53pm
Subject: Internet phone tarif

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Consumer Affairs

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask the FCC not to approve the penny per minute internet phone access tarif. I am disabled and 98% homebound. The Internet is my main means of reaching and communicating with the outside world. If this tarif is approved, many disabled people who use freenets or can just afford flat fee internet servers will be unable to remain on line.

We need to be online so that our confinement doesn't isolate us. Being on line and interactive helps make us feel part of the world in a way that passive television cannot.

Please, if you feel you must approve this tarif, insert a provision for free or low cost, flat rate Internet access for the disabled.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Barbara Staples

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From: A. Allan <alldrew@centuryinter.net>
To: A20.A20(kwerbach)
Date: 11/17/96 9:52am
Subject: ACTA petition to FCC banning telcomm. over Internet

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

November 17, 1996

As a former telecommunications system employee, I have seen local and long-distance service providers take advantage of emerging technologies (T-1 carrier, digital multiplexing, optical transmission, satellite links) to increase both customer service and internal revenues.

Further, the Internet has become a de-facto standard of communication due to the intense use it has attracted. The Internet arose from US

Defense Department communications networks founded during the Cold War.

As the Government-sponsored system has grown, it has attracted peripheral developers and service providers who have brought different technical solutions and new ways of doing business to the market.

The ACTA is free to take advantage of the emerging technical and business methods. My local provider, Century Telephone, provides Internet access at a reasonable monthly rate, and can be expected to increase services offered as the user base increases.

It is unreasonable to request market protection for a well-established industry at the expense of a potentially valuable (from a technology-development standpoint) emerging industry. Therefore, the FCC should not allow the ACTA request for market protection by restricting Internet voice communications technology. This conclusion is reinforced by the fact that the Internet and its attendant technologies does not require direct connection to either wire-line or non-wire-line service providers' equipment to survive, but can use any available data link.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Andrew Allan,
Electrical Engineer

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From: Esther G. Ebert <eebert@buffnet.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/17/96 6:22pm
Subject: Telephone Companies charging extra for connecting to the Internet

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Federal Communications Commission
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Good
Evening,

It was brought to my attention about an article in newspaper Thursday that the Telephone companies are asking the FCC permission to charge extra, per minute rate, to connect to the internet. I am opposed to this proposal because;

As a disabled person the internet is the only enjoyment, learning many more things than you would get a library which i am unable to go to because of my disability. I suffer from panic anxeity, depression and a few othe mental problems which keeps from being around any number of people that might be there. i know ther aremillions of other people out there on the

Internet who are or not restricted to go to school or the libriary, who get opportunities to lean many different subjects , being to write to other people world wide for information that they might not have gotten if it wasn't for the internet to do so. A per minute charge would make make the service unaffordable to school, some colleges,low income families who want to learn new subjects & etc. I beleive the telephone companies are making sufficient money to provide qualiservice without rasing rates and charging a per minute for internet use. The internet provides a way for people around the world to correspond cheap1 and rapidly. For the telephone companies to put on a per minute charge for connecting the internet it would would limit the freedom of corresponding via telecommunications. I hope that the FCC will consider the opinions of the people and not the opinions of the telephone companies. If this does happened ,there will so much a greater lost to people who would not be able to afford to have something for everyone to have access to learning, corresponces to other people, etc. I hope the Fcc realises how much the internet means to so many people to help them to be able to stay on the internet as for some of the reasons mentioned above.

Very Truly

Yours,
Ebert A Concerned Disabled person with limited income.

Esther G.

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From: <magoose@localnet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/17/96 4:53pm
Subject: Telephone internet charges.

Internet charges for localnet.com
Office of the Attorney General

Dear sirs,

I am writing in regards to the recent proposal by local telephone companies, to charge a per minute rate on internet connections.

I feel that this is unwarranted, if you have a regular telephone line in your home, you pay for that service which, may I add, is not cheap. What you use that telephone line for is your business, unless you are doing something illegal, and feel that the telephone companies, unless providing a special "data only" line, should not have the right to "charge" for that service.

As a housewife and mother of three, this is my connection to others for socialization, advice etc... to people over the age of 18. Also as the mother of a schoolage child, this is a way for my child to learn about, and see things that she would otherwise be unable to do. I pay for the service through my internet provider, which is a local call. I, along with _MANY_ others like myself, cannot afford the prices that CompuServe and AOL charge for internet service. Going through a local provider is the only way we can do this. If our local telephone companies begin to charge us for connecting to a local telephone line, just because we are using it to access the internet, then what good is having a local account? WE will end up being cut off from the use of this service for lack of funds.

As for the local universities and public school systems that have internet access provided for teaching, they also will end up having to let go of this form of technology. We all know that the public school systems have enough problems without giving them another bill to have to fit into the budgets. AS for the universities, tuitions are already unreachable for many students, the ones who are just getting by now cannot afford another increase to cover the cost of this service.

In conclusion, I feel that this charge is highly unwarranted, and should be denied. Unless they are providing a "special" service line, then I feel they do not have the right to charge for a local call.

Sincerely,

Christine and John Kasupski

Magoose@localnet.com

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From: Dan Dunfee <ddunfee@fyi.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/17/96 1:16pm
Subject: 'International Interexchange Tel;ecommunications VIA the Internet'

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Consumer Affairs

hello,

i would like to express my strong opposition to allowing local phone companies to place a surcharge on internet access providers. my primary concern is from the prospective of a blind computer user. for many of us who live on social security disability incomes, our access to the internet would become prohibited. it is in the area of computer usage that we blind users have equal access to information on an equal footing with the sighted. the proposed surcharges would close a recently opened door for most blind computer users.

as a citizen, i can only see the proposed surcharge as an oppertunistic grab at increased profits with no added value with regard to phone hookup services.

thank you for your time and consideration.

dan dunfee

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("cooljerk@diamond.jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:11am
Subject: internet long distance -Reply

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>>> Eric Fehn <cooljerk@jcn1.com> 11/16/96 10:06am >>>

I am a internet user and i do not want the phone company's to charge for long distant calls because I live in ST.Louis MO. and if they did this i would not be able to afford it. Please do not let it through.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("dancer@diamond.jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:12am
Subject: phone companies -Reply

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>>> Marti Hohl <dancer@jcn1.com> 11/16/96 10:08am >>>
Dear Sir/Madame:

I would like to encourage you to keep the internet as a free meeting place for everyone. The phone companies have enough money as it is.

Sincerely,

Marti Hohl
7 Evergreen Lane
Festus, MO 63028

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("pawpec@jersey.net")
Date: 11/18/96 7:16am
Subject: No Fees -Reply

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>>> <pawpec@jersey.net> 11/16/96 12:36pm >>>

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting that you do not allow the phone companies to charge for internet services that are already 'free.' This would allow the 'common peron' very limited access to a large array of information.

I am a teacher and use the internet for research and for increasing my knowledge base. I would not be able to afford a fee for time spent on the internet. Please think about the people who use this medium. Thank you for your time.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("emfestus@jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 6:46am
Subject: Internet Charges Petition -Reply

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>>> Ernest Morfeld <emfestus@jcn1.com> 11/15/96 08:16pm >>>

As a citizen of the USA, a taxpayer, and an avid internet user I object to the long distance phone companies petition to charge internet users. President Clinton spoke during the campaign about a bridge to the future I do not believe he meant that building that bridge would include increasing the already enormous profits of the long distance companies. Charging internet users would only stifle the future many are trying to create.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("zoellner@diamond.jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 6:47am
Subject: Telephone Charges for internet use -Reply

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>>> Tom Zoellner <zoellner@jcn1.com> 11/15/96 08:51pm >>>

I received some information that the major telephone companies are petitioning the FCC requesting the FCC to allow them to charge a user fee similar to a long distance fee to internet users, who use their telephone lines for all their on line time.

The telephone companies are already charging high rates for the use of their lines and everytime their profit margins are published they seem to show a large profit.

I have not been on the internet a very long time but have found it interesting and do not feel I should have to pay a higher fee for the use of the telephone line when I am using the internet. Prior to becoming an internet user my telephone line was idle more then 99 percent of the time and the telephone company was still being paid by me for the use of the lines.

I request you say ' NO ' to this type of request from the telephone compnies.

Tom Zoellner
911 Taylor Ave.
Crystal City, MO 63019

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("unicorntalks@juno.com")
Date: 11/18/96 6:49am
Subject: On-line long distance?? -Reply

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>>> Krista Kelley <unicorntalks@juno.com> 11/15/96 11:05pm >>>
To Whom it may concern,

I just received a very disturbing bit of E-mail, concerning the topic of long-distance companies charging those of us who use on-line services long distance fees for using phone time. I for one only use services with local access numbers so I can avoid this. What right do long distance companies have to charge us for using local numbers to get on the internet? I think is a scam, and I think you should really think twice before allowing this kind of exploitation to occur. Thank you for you time.

Krista Kelley

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("mheilemann@monad.net")
Date: 11/18/96 6:51am
Subject: re: NO MORE TAXES!!!! -Reply

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>>> Marc Heilemann <mheilemann@monad.net> 11/15/96 11:43pm >>>

I am writing you not to be so crazy as to try to steal even more money from the over taxed members of the United States. As a hard working citizen having just graduated w/ my B.S. degree, I do not feel it necessary for you to give us even more taxes. DO NOT TAX US FOR INTERNET USAGE!!!!!!

Thanks,
Marc Heilemann mheilemann@monad.net

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("anthony@jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:02am
Subject: Telephone rates -Reply

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>>> Anthony Neihouse <anthony@jcn1.com> 11/16/96 12:26am >>>

I am petitioning the FCC, please do not grant the independant phone companys the right to charge a fee for pc internet use. Thank You

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("hellgod@jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:03am
Subject: Internet tax -Reply

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>>> Wesley White <hellgod@jcn1.com> 11/16/96 02:04am >>>

Hey, dont you think the phone company's have enough power, the don't need anymore.
I see Air wave crap but not this! Hew my power supply interferes with my TV
Fix that!

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("steyr223@cybertron.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:05am
Subject: New Internet pricing -Reply

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>>> Donald Sanders <steyr223@cybertron.com> 11/16/96 02:58am >>>

I understand that the telephone companies are complaining about the Internet blocking and interrupting their lines. Therefore they have asked the FCC to look at forcing the Internet Service Providers to pay for extended time for tying up the phone lines. If this happens I do not see where the ISP's will take it in their own pocket. They will pass this debt onto the customers. This means small business's and public schools. I have a two year old at home and I download a lot of files that gets her interested in computers, like learning programs that can teach her things way before the expected time she should normally learn these things. If the

ISP's are forced to pay an extreme amount of money for time on phone lines the consumer will get the bill not the big companies. Right now the average rate is between twenty to thirty dollars a month. This allows low middle income families to afford the rates. I do not see it if it goes up as much as the phone companies want it to. As I see it the phone companies are scared of the Internet they probably feel it is going to put them out of business. I would like you to please think about allowing these companies to dictate how the communications in the world will be ran. I hope you consider that giving these phone companies what they want is like giving a new tax to the American people. Just because people want to learn more and come closer together.

Thank You for your
attention:
Donald Sanders
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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("prariefolk@midway.net")
Date: 11/18/96 7:06am
Subject: Unfair Penalties -Reply

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>>> Dan & Becky Schaller <prariefolk@midway.net> 11/16/96 03:28am >>>

To whom it may concern,

To allow extra charges for the use of phone lines for internet use is not to be tolerated, the Phone companies are already charging people enough for the line as it is, and they do not need more for it's use on the web.

Please protect the people for a change, and not the big companies, we are the ones who pay your wages in the form of taxes, so work for our interests, not theirs.

Sincerely, Dan Schaller

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("UNATUNER@aol.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:09am
Subject: Telephone Companies -Reply

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>>> <UNATUNER@aol.com> 11/16/96 06:17am >>>

Please don't let phone companies charge internet users a higher rate. Users do not have special interest money to throw around like big business does, however, we still can vote! Gerry Hubka

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("JAYMS@CUNYVM.CUNY.EDU")
Date: 11/18/96 7:10am

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>>> Jay W. <JAYMS@CUNYVM.CUNY.EDU> 11/16/96 08:09am >>>

I am strongly against charging internet users a fee for online access to the internet over phone lines. Please let me know if there are any specifics I need to address regarding this. Thank you.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("MWPR10D@prodigy.com")
Date: 11/18/96 7:43am
Subject: Charge for Internet Access -Reply

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>>> MS TRICIA M MCLAUGHLIN <MWPR10D@prodigy.com> 11/17/96 07:35pm >>>
Ladies and gentlemen,

This is being written in regards to an e-mail I received from a friend about the major phone companies wanting to charge for Internet access when using their lines. Isn't it enough that we pay a companies like Prodigy, AOL, MSN, CompuServe, GEnie, and all other Internet Service Providers money to use their services, without having to be charged for more? I urge you to not allow this. I knew it was a matter of time before the phone companies got around to charging for using their lines. With the influx of more people using Internet Accesses, the phone companies should be happy we are using them. We also experience, delays getting on, or being cut off when on line, because of THEIR service. We have put up with this time and again. The problem does not seem to go away. It would be nice if they could look at the little guy, because ultimately, WE PAY THE PRICE. Small businesses PAY THE PRICE, and even some big businesses, BUT IT IS THE SMALLER PEOPLE THAT SUFFER THE MOST! How much more of the bureaucracy do we have to take? PLEASE DENY the fee.

Sincerely,
Marjorie C.

Hinojosa

mwpr10d@prodigy.com

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("stulmark@net-connect.net")
Date: 11/18/96 6:28am
Subject: CHARGING TWICE TO TALK IN COMMUNICATION AGE! -Reply

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>>> Miriam E Werquin <stulmark@net-connect.net> 11/15/96 10:44am >>>
To whom it may concern:

I am extremely disappointed at the greed involved in the latest petition by the major telephone service providers to double charge American citizens to get on the Internet.

Those people who have Internet access already pay for the privilege of using the phone lines either by the hour, or by the flat rate to their Internet Service Providers.

What the telephone companies have proposed is, in essence, charging Internet Service Providers for the lines, the first time, which is then passed on to the customer who pays for that access service, and then turning around and charging the customer AGAIN, FOR THE SAME EXACT SERVICE.

If there is a problem with money for the telephone companies, then they should make these adjustments with Internet service providers, who will pass on appropriate charges and NOT by DOUBLE CHARGING home customers.

Expect quite a lot of electronic mail over the very lines that the telephone companies have petitioned to regulate access to from people all over the world. Mass e-mail has been posted into most of the major newsgroups as of Wednesday, November 13, 1996.

The kicker in this whole situation is that it means more government control, more money to enforce, more employees to enforce it with the costs for those things also passed on to the consumer again. Middle America is struggling to stay afloat. Many small businesses use the Internet as their only way to conduct business and contribute to the national economy.

By regulating Internet commerce by allowing the phone companies to DOUBLE CHARGE, it only makes it easier to tie the Internet up in so many regulations over the next 10 years, that the very Institution created to reduce and eliminate red tape with will be strangled by red tape.

My opinion is that less government involved in an INTERNATIONAL ENTITY such as the INTERNET, the better.

Thank you for reading my complaint,

Miriam Werquin
(snailmail)
410 Row Three #CC
Lafayette, LA 70508

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("eagle@jcn1.com")
Date: 11/18/96 6:30am
Subject: Internet phone charges -Reply

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>>> George Lewis <eagle@jcn1.com> 11/15/96 01:22pm >>>

Please do not let the phone companies charge for internet time. It is unfair and we already pay for phone service. It is my firm intention that this is unconstitutional and a double standard by having to pay twice. It is only a way for the already wealthy phone companies to become more wealthy from taking from the middle class and poorer people. If they start charging, many families with children will not be able to use the internet for educational purposes.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("JanetC9882@aol.com")
Date: 11/18/96 6:35am
Subject: User fees for internet connections -Reply

Received: 1996-11-18 10:00:00
Origin: Boston, MA

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>>> <JanetC9882@aol.com> 11/15/96 05:06pm >>>

I understand there is a petition circulating for the use of fees for internet connections. As a consumer of this media, I implore you not to grant these fees. The internet is not exactly free in that you must own a computer to connect and the companies that offer service charge their own fees.

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